GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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Impact of Communication Towers
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any expert committee has been constitued by the Government to study the possible impact of communication towers on wildlife including birds and bees;
(b) if so, the details thereof along with the recommendations made by the Expert Committee;
(c) whether the recommendations of the Expert Committee have been implemented to minimise the harmful effects of Electro Magnetic Field (EMF) radiation on birds, bees, insects and other wild animals; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a)and (b) The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change had constituted an 'Expert Committee to study the possible impacts of communication towers on wildlife including Birds and Bees' on 30th August 2010 under the chairmanship of Dr. Asad Rahmani, Director, Bombay Natural History Society. The 'Expert Committee submitted its report to the Ministry in September 2011. The important recommendations of the Expert Committee are at Annexure-1.

(c) and (d) The Ministry has issued an advisory on use of Mobile Towers to minimize their impact on wildlife including birds and bees vide Office Memorandum dated 9th August 2012. The contents of the advisory are given in the Annexure-2. The advisory has been circulated by the Ministry to the concerned organizations including State Environment and Forest Departments, and local bodies, Ministry of Panchayati Raj and the Department of Telecommunications, for their information and requisite action.

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